

Harrisonburg-Rockingham Local Human Rights Committee

MEETING MINUTES October 17, 2011

Members Present: Page Shield, Gayl Brunk, Cindy Ring, Virginia Luong, and William Quarles

Others Present: Mark Seymour, (HR Advocate), Mary Ellen Chewning (The Arc), Crystal Kwolek (C.J. Designs), John Humphreys and Barbara Beaman (Fair Haven Residential Services), Christy Collins (CC & Associates), Kathy Nelson (HRC SB), Heather N. Corbin and Ainslie Pavone (Pleasant View, Inc.), Andree Gitchell and Natalie Rinaca (RMH)

CALL TO ORDER/MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm.

Those in attendance made introductions.

MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes from July 11, 2011 meeting as mailed was made by Cindy Ring, seconded by Virginia Luong and unanimously approved by the Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comments.

REVIEW of AFFILIATE QUARTERLY REPORTS

No Annual Presentations occurred this meeting.

Discussed and reviewed the best practice for completing the Quarterly and Annual Reports. Mark Seymour clarified the difference between allegations and complaints. He further explained the Quarterly Reports Total Counts Occurred by Type found on page 1 should be filled in only if a citation from the Licensing Specialist occurs.

The Committee Members unanimously agreed to the continuation of annual Affiliate presentations throughout the year. Presentations would continue as previously scheduled with the exception of January 2012 meeting which will include The Arc and Pleasant View, Inc with RMH, as they did not present this date. Annual presentation will include a summary of the Annual Report and any additional Human Rights issues reported on the Quarterly Reports leading up to the date of the scheduled presentation.

ADVOCATE REPORT

Mark Seymour reported that WSH new building is underway with a completion date scheduled for mid-year 2013. The new site will pose new challenges and possibly future changes for the Commonwealth Center who now receives security and patient meals from WSH.

Mark Seymour also reviewed the information published in the recently distributed DBHDS Memorandum dated 08/12/2011 and the Summer issue of the SHRC newsletter, Human Writes.

OTHER BUSINESS /AFFILIATE COMMENTS

Affiliates expressed a concern regarding the short turn around time for completing the Quarterly Reports and the time needed to send the Committee Members the reports prior to the scheduled LHRC meeting. Committee Members and Affiliates unanimously agreed to change the meeting to the 3rd Monday of the month dependent on the HR Advocate's availability. The January meeting would remain on the 2nd Monday of the month due to a Holiday that falls on the 3rd Monday.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 9, 2012 at 2:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the Lucy F. Simms Board Conference Room. The Lucy F. Simms Building is located at 620 Simms Avenue Harrisonburg, VA 22802

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Ring
HRLHRC Secretary

Kathy Nelson
HRCSB Liaison/Recording Secretary